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HONG KONG--MRS. HUGH REDMOND RETURNED FROM EIGHT HOURS OF VISITS WITH HER IMPRISONED SON IN RED CHINA TODAY AND SAID SHE STILL WAS "HOPEFUL" FOR HIS EVENTUAL RELEASE.

BUT THE YONKERS, N.Y., WIDOW REFUSED TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE POSSIBILITY OF FREEDOM FOR HER SON, HUGH REDMOND JR., JAILED ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES 11 YEARS AGO. HER LAST PREVIOUS VISIT WAS IN 1958.

MRS. REDMOND, 65, SAID SHE SPENT FOUR TWO-HOUR SESSIONS WITH HER SON AND FOUND HIM "QUITE CHANGED BUT OTHERWISE OKAY." REDMOND, A 43-YEAR OLD FORMER SHANGHAI TOBACCO IMPORTER, WAS SENTENCED TO A LIFE PRISON TERM IN 1955.

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